(*d*) if the answer to clause (*c*) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to carry out the promise during the year 1115?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) Yes; there is some difficulty.

(*b*) The canal is silted up and requires deepening.

(*c*) In fulfilment of the promise given the deepening of the basin for a length of 700 ft. which was very badly silted up, has been attended to this year with the available allotment of Rs. 400.

(*d*) The deepening of the canal will be attended to according to the availability of funds.

CHITTUR ELECTRIC POWER HOUSE—CASTE-WAR STATEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS

267. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to give a caste-war statement of employees in the Chittur Electric Power House with the following particulars:—

(*i*) serial number,
(*ii*) name,
(*iii*) qualification,
(*iv*) age,
(*v*) whether acting or permanent,
(*vi*) pay,
(*vii*) the date of appointment;

(*b*) who made these appointments; whether applications were called for before making these appointments?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) The statement is appended. *(Appendix II).*

(*b*) Applications for the post of the Power House Superintendent were called for by advertisement in the Hindu and the Gazette. The Diwan ordered this appointment. All the other 9 posts were filled up by the Chief Engineer.

BACKWATER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TRICHUR AND COCHIN—USE OF

268. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the distance between Cochin and Trichur along the water-way connecting both places;

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(*b*) the distance between Karanchira and Kokkalai in Trichur along the channel;

(*c*) whether the water-way was being used throughout the year before the introduction of railway and after;

(*d*) how many months of the year the water-way connecting Karanchira and Trichur cannot be used?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) Roughly 48 miles.

(*b*) About 12 miles.

(*c*) Ever since the kole lands came to be cultivated on a large scale as at present, the canal between Karanchira and Trichur was not available for traffic for three months in the year.

(*d*) About three months from 15th Kumbham to 15th Edavam.

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ROADS—MILEAGE, EXPENDITURE, Etc.

269. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total mileage of P. W. D. roads in the State;

(*b*) the total of Panchayat Roads;

(*c*) the amount spent for maintenance of P. W. D. roads and Panchayat roads separately during the years 1113 & 1114?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) 537 miles, 6 furlongs & 54 yards excluding roads in the Cranganur Taluk.

(*b*) 673 miles excluding lanes and foot-paths.

(*c*)

	1113.	1114.
P. W. D.	Rs. 1,70,342-4-7	Rs. 1,20,771-14-0 up to the end of Medam.
Panchayat Department	Rs. 38,174	Rs. 38,555.

PROHIBITION—PREPARATION OF THE STATE FOR

270. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it is not their policy to discourage drinking habit, as far as possible with a view to having in fullness of time absolute prohibition in Cochin;